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1. The 23 December Silk Factory, formerly the property of Landau (fnu), is located at No. 2 Valentin Andreev Street in Knyazhevo (N 42-39, E 23-15). The factory was nationalized in 1947, at which time it was combined with the Zoya and Anilin Factories at Knyazhevo and the Elbeka Factory at Gara Iskür.
2. The factory employs 220 workers, of whom half are women, in two shifts per day. It has five divisions, as follows:
 - a. Bleaching, equipped with two boilers;
 - b. Dyeing, equipped with 12 boilers and two centrifugal drying machines;
 - c. Finishing, equipped with two stretching machines, two fulling "calendars," one high gloss "calendar," and two measuring and rolling machines;
 - d. Fixing, equipped with two steam installations and one drying machine; and
 - e. Camouflage; this division was added in September 1951 and placed in the former Elbeka Factory; the output of green camouflage nets for the Army is not known, because its planning and production are made separately; employs approximately 40 workers.
3. The factory, camouflage division excepted, has a monthly production of over 200,000 meters of materials, most of which is sold to State stores. The remainder, mostly natural silk, goes to the Army.
4. Electricity is received from Sofia, but the factory supplies its own steam.
5. The following factories supply silk to the 23 December Factory:
 - a. Malezik Factory at Pavlovo, a village between Sofia and Knyazhevo;

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- b. Rosa Factory at Kazanluk;
- c. Feya Factory at Orlandovtsi (N 42-43, E 23-21); and
- d. Two other unidentified factories, one of which is located at Ruse.

6. [REDACTED] officials of the factory:

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- a. Atanas Atsev, technical manager, about 60 years old, tall, bald, chemical engineer, studied in Germany, married, two children, not a Party member; Atsev is the actual head of the factory; and
 - b. Georgi Kostov, general manager, about 50 years old, tall, black hair, former leather worker and former head of the Leather and Rubber Association (Obedinenie na Kozha i Kauchukov), married, a Communist; his responsibilities are limited to general supervision and to signing documents.

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